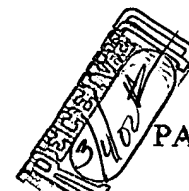


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Applicant: Kobayashi et al.

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For: STORAGE MEDIUM AND METHOD)
AND APPARATUS FOR SEPARATELY)
PROTECTING DATA IN DIFFERENT)
AREAS OF THE STORAGE MEDIUM)
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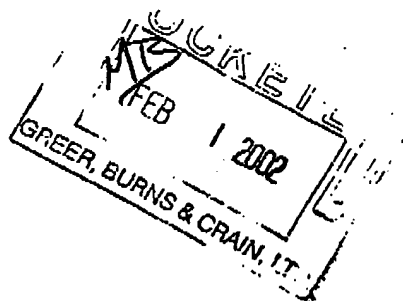
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AMENDMENT B

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Sir:

In response to the office action mailed September 25, 2001, please amend the
application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 8, 15, 18 and 19 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A storage medium data protecting method of
protecting data on a storage medium, comprising: